therefore, relinguished by OIL. Further, 4451 line kms. of seismic surveys were also conducted in the North Eastern Coast Offshore area, off the Orissa coast. Four exploratory wells have been drilled. Although no commercially exploitable hydrocarbon reserves have been discovered evidences were obtained which warranted further seismic surveys. 2800 line kms. of 2-D surveys and 3300 line kms. of 3-D sudveys have been conducted during January to March, 1988. The results are being processed and interpreted. The future programme would depend upon the results of the interpretative work in hand.

Complaints against large private sector units setting up small scale industrial units

305. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPONTHA KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any complaints in the recent past against large private sector units setting up a number of small scale industrial units;

(b) if so, what action has been initiated against the large units;

(c) what is the total quantity of production, profits etc. made by these small units during the last three years; and

(d) whether any concession in customs duty was granted to these units during the last three years and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instruciton has been issued to State/UT Govts. to de-register the small scale industrial undertakings set up by medium/large scale industrial undertakings.

(c) The information is not centrally monitored.

(d) Customs duty concessions are not based on the consideration of an industrial undertaking belonging to small scale sector or non-small scale sector.

Central Investment in the Industrial Sector

306. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Central investment in the industrial sector in different States;

(b) whether Government have any fresh proposal to increase the quantum of industrial investment in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The total central investment in terms of gross block in the Central Public Sector Enterprises in different States as on 31-3-1969 was Rs. 96,580.52 crores.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Governmnet.

(c) Does not arise.

Discontinuation of daily air service between Madras and Madurai

307. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has discontinued its daily Madras-Madurai air services;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this has adversely affected the export of Jasmine flowers;

(d) whether Indian Airlines propose to provide connecting flights from Delhi to Madurai via Madras or Bangalore; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Due to suspension of Airbus A-320 operations, Indian Airlines is at present facing acute capacity constraints and therefore, not in a position to provide connecting flights between Delhi and Madurai.

Issue of COB licences to small scale units

308. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many small scale units have been issued COB licences during the last three years yearwise;

(b) what are the recommendations of the Technical Committee in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are aware that some of these small scale units have been set up by large industrial houses; if so, what are the details thereeof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Carrying-on-Business (COB) Industrial Licence is granted where an Industrial Undertaking was earlier exempted from licensing but such exemption is subsequently withdrawn. Crossing the small scale investment limit of Rs. 35 lakhs in plant and machinery is one of the grounds requiring COB Licence. No Technical Committee has been constituted for making recommendations for grant of COB Licence.

No sepaarte statistics are kept on the grant of COB Licences to small units crossing the investment limit of Rs. 35 lakhs in plant and machinery. During the years 1987 to 1989, a total of 185 COB Licences have been granted out of which 14 belong to MRTP companies. Yearwise break-up is as under:

Year	Non-MRTP Companies	MRTP Companies
1987 . .	53	2
1988 . .	52	5
1989 . .	66	7
	171	14

Review of amounts due from drug companies by Special Team

309. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Team assessed the amounts due from other drug companies apart from those involved in Supreme Court case;

(b) if so, what are the names of those companies, names of drugs, amount assessed in each case, period upto which amount was assessed, rate of recovery and year-wise production of each drug taken into account; and

(c) what is the amount recovered under DPEA from 1st February to 30th April, 1990?